

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Jim Lundrigan and Brad Dixon, Councilpersons; Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk, and 8 guests.

Supervisor Greg Reuter opened the meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting were read by Deputy Town Clerk, Susan Anderson.. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. The End of the Year December 30, 2024 minutes were read. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report; Highway Supt. Report; Town Clerk Report; Dog Control Officer Report; Bookkeeper Report; Code Enforcer Report; Ambulance Report; Historian; Court Justice Report: Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Greg Reuter, Supervisor, reported that the Madison County Department of Solid Waste will provide a service that allows residents to discard their yard waste for free this year. Free punch tickets can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. .

Anne Brown, Dog Control Officer, reported that 17 of 67 roads have been canvassed resulting in over a 100 unlicensed dogs. She reported that many people do not realize that dogs need to be licensed. She reported that she has been threatened, accused of stalking, and had the police visit her twice even though she wears a badge and has magnets on the front and back of her car. She has already accrued about \$2,500 in expenses from mileage, time, postage, and paper. She said that the first time is intense and more expensive but that it will go smoother the next time. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan that the town will pay up to \$6,000 for continued dog enumeration. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Electrical work has not started on the town garage. The electrician has been coordinating with Roy Kirley on a date to start. The parking lot lights will be installed after the town garage work is completed.

The Koen project has still not issued any permits.

A workshop was conducted on December 12, 2024 with the Town Codes Enforcement Officer, Town Board members, and Madison/Bouckville Antique Association members to communicate the tent, propane, and fire codes regulations. A meeting with all parties involved will be held before the June show.

NEW BUSINESS: Don Haight has been appointed as a Madison Town Judge by the 6th Judicial District.

Rachel Smith gave an update on the decommissioning and demolition of the wind turbines on Stone Road. The removal of all 7 turbines via Energetic Feeling will take place in the spring/summer of 2025. Appropriate permits will be obtained including Town of Madison Demolition Permit, Explosive permits, and NYS Construction Stormwater General Permit. Compliance with Ag & Markets construction and restoration procedures will be followed. Rachel distributed a handout with all information as regards to the process, which is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Much discussion took place with many concerns as to the safety of the farmlands being the number one concern. Rachel will take all concerns back to her company and will be present at the March 13 Town Board meeting to address those concerns. Greg Reuter also requested that the "Town of Madison" be named as the host community. The county will be working with the town and one windmill might be located in the Town of Sangerfield.

Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to approve the Madison Fire Department as the designated polling place for the Town of Madison. Motion carried.

Greg reported that the Solsville Road Bridge Rehabilitation will take place beginning in the Spring of 2025. The project will have one-lane with signal lights, thus keeping the road open. The contractor has been chosen and approved.

Greg asked if any of the Town Board members would be interested in being a representative at the Association of Town Conference to be held in New York City. No one is interested.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: John Gaiser asked about the second judge position. It was stated that the person voted in for the position turned it down. He asked why the person getting the second number of votes doesn't get the position.

Megan Barnes has a proposition for the town which will cost zero dollars. The Israel Church family of 11 moved from Rhode Island to Madison many years ago. Gravestones of the mom, dad, and one son were found on the property and restored. Of the 286 cemeteries in Madison County, this cemetery is not listed. Jim Ford made the discovery and Megan and Melanie Brouillette have reconstructed the stones. The cemetery is a 20' x 20' plot about 10' off Bishop Road with a wall built around it to protect its property that Mike Maine has surveyed and would like to donate it to the Town of Madison. Greg said that he will talk to the town attorney and get back to her. Megan also stated that there are bodies buried under the Lake Moraine dam and will get information back to the town by March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$14,667.43. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk